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Title: Regarding the reported statement made by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir about releasing political prisoners.

SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA (RAMANATHAPURAM): Thank you Madam Speaker, a national political storm is shattering us now. This is because of the irresponsible statements made by the Jammu and Kashmir Mufti Mohammed Sayeed about releasing political prisoners that may include terrorists and criminals.

The Centre's clarification that they are talking to the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister satisfies no one in the country. Our AIADMK has always been upholding the national unity and integrity.

Madam Speaker, during Chinese war in 1962, when Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru appealed for liberal contributions for defence fund, our founder leader, *Puratchi Thalaivar, MGR*, came with the first contribution cheque for the nation.

Jawaharlal Nehru immediately sent a telegram to our leader appreciating his gesture. It was a great moment in our history. Similarly, during Indo-Pak war, our beloved leader, *Puratchi Thalaivi, Amma*, as part of a South Indian Delegation from the field of cinema went to the borders to enthuse the soldiers.

The then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri was also there in that programme. Our leader, hon. *Amma* profusely removed her necklace and bangles and all the jewels on the self and gave it away for the national cause.

We, the 37 MPs present in this august House were brought up in this patriotic tradition by our founder leader, *Puratchi Thalaivar, MGR* and our hon. *Puratchi Thalaivi, Amma*.

As a committed Party dedicated to uphold the sovereignty of the country, we urge upon the Union Government to remove the Mufti Mohammed's Government which acts against the sovereignty of our nation.